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(C) STATE 98185 (D) STATE 178407 (NOTAL)

1. AT PROPOSED JULY 21 CORE GROUP MEETING, USUN SHOULD, AFTER INFORMING CORE GROUP OF SECRETARY'S PROSPECTIVE JULY 22 STATEMENT (REF D), FOCUS DISCUSSION ON ASSIGNMENT OF SPECIFIC TASKS BY CORE GROUP MEMBERS TO SUPPORT A) VISITS OF ROK DELEGATIONS TO NAM COUNTRIES AND B) SECRETARY'S JULY 22 POLITICAL INITIATIVE. MISSION SHOULD ALSO TRY TO MESH CORE GROUP ACTIONS IN THE FIELD WITH US LETTERS SENT TO KEY NAM COUNTRIES AND PROPOSED AIDE MEMOIRES BEING SENT THIS
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WEEK TO OTHER NAM COUNTRIES FOR PRESENTATION FOLLOWING THE

JULY 22 INITIATIVE. IF ASKED WHETHER OTHER PARTIES BEING APPROACHED IN ADVANCE OF SPEECH, MISSION SHOULD REPLY THAT IT WILL REFER QUESTION TO DEPARTMENT.

2. CORE GROUP SHOULD DETERMINE EXTENT OF SUPPORTIVE ASSISTANCE THAT FOUR ROK DELEGATIONS VISITING 18 COUNTRIES DURING NEXT SEVERAL WEEKS MAY BE NEEDING (REF B). WE IMAGINE MINIMAL ASSISTANCE WILL BE REQUIRED, BUT LOCAL CORE GROUP CONVENERS SHOULD BE INSTRUCTED TO BRIEF ROK DELEGATIONS AND PROVIDE APPROPRIATE FACILITATIVE ASSISTANCE. ROK UN SHOULD

BE ASKED TO REPORT FINDINGS OF ROK DELEGATIONS TO CORE GROUP, WITH ANY RECOMMENDATIONS FOR FURTHER REPRESENTATIONS.

3. AS CORE GROUP KNOWS, SECRETARY IS SENDING SPECIAL LETTERS OF APPEAL ON KOREA AND PUERTO RICO TO A NUMBER OF FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS PRIOR TO HIS SPEECH. IF QUERIED, CORE GROUP SHOULD BE TOLD THAT WE PREFER NOT TO IDENTIFY BY NAME THE COUNTRIES INVOLVED OTHER THAN THAT THEY ARE KEY NAM STATES. (WE DO NOT WISH TO RUN RISK OF CHARGES BY RECIPIENTS THAT LETTERS WERE TACTICAL PROPAGANDA EFFORT.) WITHOUT REFERRING TO CORE GROUP, THE LETTERS APPEAL FOR SUPPORT OF OUR AGREED CORE GROUP POSITION ON AVOIDING UNGA CONFRONTATION ON KOREA. THEY ANTICIPATE BUT DO NOT DESCRIBE JULY 22 PROPOSAL. FYI: WHILE CORE GROUP MEMBERS CANNOT OF COURSE BE ASKED TO FOLLOW UP ON THESE PARTICULAR LETTERS (19 IN NUMBER), USUN WILL WANT TO GUIDE CORE GROUP APPROACHES SO THAT, TO EXTENT POSSIBLE, THEY COVER THESE KEY GOVERNMENTS. END FYI.

4. WE HOPE CORE GROUP WILL MAKE AN INTENSIVE, COORDINATED EFFORT TO UNDERTAKE FINAL PRE-COLOMBO EFFORT IN SELECTED CAPITALS USING SECRETARY'S JULY 22 PUBLIC RESTATEMENT OF CONFERENCE PROPOSAL AS OCCASION FOR RENEWED DISCUSSION. IN IMMEDIATE AFTERMATH OF SPEECH US EMBASSIES WILL BE DRAWING PROPOSAL TO ATTENTION OF VIRTUALLY ALL NAM GOVERNMENTS IN CALLS ON MFA AND LEAVING AIDE MEMOIRE EMPHASIZING UNDESIRABILITY OF CONFRONTATIONAL STEP AT COLOMBO. WE BELIEVE IT WILL BE USEFUL, ESPECIALLY IN COUNTRIES IN

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WHICH OTHER CORE GROUP EMBASSIES ARE MORE INFLUENTIAL, IF MAIN FOLLOW UP AT FOREIGN MINISTER LEVEL WAS DONE BY OTHER CORE GROUP AMBASSADORS. WE WOULD LIKE CORE GROUP TO GIVE URGENT ATTENTION TO ALLOCATING RESPONSIBILITY FOR SUPPORTING DEMARCHES FOR SECRETARY'S INITIATIVES AMONG CORE GROUP MEMBERS, INCLUDING US. (WE WILL DATAFAX TO USUN OUR SUGGESTIONS FOR ALLOCATION OF SUPPORTING DEMARCHES.)

5. REPRESENTATIONS BY NON-US MEMBERS MIGHT APPROPRIATELY START OFF WITH STATEMENT OF GENERAL ELEMENTS OF CORE GROUP POSITION ON KOREA, PARTICULARLY DESIRABILITY OF AVOIDING CONFRONTATION AT 31ST UNGA, NEED TO RESUME SOUTH-NORTH DIALOGUE, AND WILLINGNESS TO ABOLISH UN COMMAND IF ALTERNATIVE ARRANGEMENTS ARE MADE TO PRESERVE ARMISTICE AGREEMENT. IN ADDITION, CORE GROUP MEMBERS MAY WISH TO USE FOLLOWING POINTS IN SUPPORT OF SECRETARY'S PROPOSAL: A) PROPOSAL PROVIDES REALISTIC AND CONSTRUCTIVE MEANS TO DEAL WITH KOREAN REUNIFICATION ISSUE; B) IT SUPPORTS CONCEPT THAT BOTH SIDES, INCLUDING THE ROK WHICH REPRESENTS TWO-THIRDS OF THE KOREAN PEOPLE, SHOULD BE REPRESENTED AT ANY CONFERENCE THAT CONSIDERS FUTURE SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS FOR PENINSULA; C) IT WOULD ENCOURAGE PARTIES CONCERNED TO CONCENTRATE ON REAL ISSUES AT STAKE AND ENABLE UN TO AVOID BECOMING EMBROILED IN ANOTHER STERILE DEBATE; D) INITIATIVE PROVIDES AN IMPORTANT ADDITIONAL ELEMENT TO LAST YEAR'S PROPOSAL IN SUGGESTING A TIME AND PLACE TO MEET ON ARRANGEMENTS FOR A CONFERENCE.

6. TO HAVE DESIRED IMPACT, APPROACHES SHOULD BE MADE DURING LAST WEEK OF JULY, ALLOWING TIME FOR GOVERNMENTS TO RECONSIDER POSITIONS PRIOR TO EARLY AUGUST OPENING OF CONFERENCES ASSOCIATED WITH NON-ALIGNED SUMMIT IN COLOMBO. WE HOPE CORE GROUP MEMBERS WILL ENSURE THAT THEIR GOVERNMENTS ISSUE THE NECESSARY INSTRUCTIONS TO CARRY OUT THIS COORDINATED APPROACH PROMPTLY. WE WILL BE DRAWING SPEECH TO ATTENTION OF VIRTUALLY ALL NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES WITH WHICH WE HAVE RELATIONS, ALTHOUGH NOT NECESSARILY PRESENTING AN AIDE-MEMOIRE IN EVERY CASE. (FOR EXAMPLE, HARD-CORE HOSTILE GROUP AND THOSE GOVERNMENTS TO WHICH WE ARE SENDING LETTERS THIS WEEK WILL NOT RECEIVE AIDE MEMOIRES.) CORE GROUP SHOULD THEREFORE CONSIDER DEMARCHES TO SOME CONFIDENTIAL

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STATES NOT YET APPROACHED, INCLUDING SOME HOSTILE SUPPORTERS (E.G. ALGERIA, LIBYA, SOMALI, TANZANIA). OUR PURPOSE SHOULD BE TO ESTABLISH A RECORD WITH SUCH STATES. WE NOTE NORTH KOREANS HAVE THEMSELVES APPROACHED AT LEAST TWO CORE GROUP MEMBERS (COSTA RICA AND BELGIUM), AND BELIEVE ROKG SUPPORTERS SHOULD NOT BE RELUCTANT TO CARRY FIGHT TO NORTH KOREA'S SUPPORTERS.

7. USUN SHOULD INFORM CORE GROUP THAT WE WILL BE ASKING POSTS TO WHICH WE SEND SECRETARY'S SPEECH TO COORDINATE WITH LOCAL CORE GROUP MEMBERS. IT IS THEREFORE IMPORTANT THAT CORE GROUP PARTICIPANTS AGREE DURING NEXT FEW DAYS ON MOST EFFECTIVE DIVISION OF POST-INITIATIVE LOBBYING RESPONSIBILITIES.

8. ON MORNING OF JULY 21, BEFORE CORE GROUP MEETING, YOU SHOULD GIVE UK AND JAPANESE REPRESENTATIVES ADVANCE BRIEFING ON SUBSTANCE OF SECRETARY'S PROSPECTIVE JULY 22 STATEMENT.

9. FYI: OUR ANALYSIS OF CORE GROUP REPORTING SHOWS THAT, WITH FEW EXCEPTIONS, ALL 55 NAM COUNTRIES IDENTIFIED BY CORE GROUP FOR LOBBYING PURPOSES (REF C) WERE APPROACHED IN ACCORDANCE WITH CORE GROUP DECISION. OF THIS NUMBER, FIFTEEN WILL BE APPROACHED AGAIN DURING NEXT FEW WEEKS BY ROK DELEGATIONS (ARGENTINA, BOTSWANA, MALAWI, SWAZILAND, SUDAN, CAMEROON, CHAD, NIGER, ZAIRE, UPPER VOLTA, BAHRAIN, KUWAIT, OMAN, QATAR, AND U.A.E.). END FYI.

10. WE PLAN TO CALL IN ASEAN AMBASSADORS IN WASHINGTON TO MAKE PRINCIPAL APPROACH CONVEYING TEXT OF KOREA PORTION OF SECRETARY'S SPEECH. WE WILL ALSO PRESENT SPEECH AND DELIVER AIDE-MEMOIRE IN ASEAN CAPITALS AS FOLLOW UP TO WASHINGTON DEMARCHES. IN DISCUSSING CORE GROUP FOLLOW UP IN ASEAN COUNTRIES, USUN MAY SO INFORM CORE GROUP.

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